

# RESERVOIR ON SOUTH SIDE OF CANADIAN, NEW PLAN

Water Problem Thinkers Devise Scheme for Getting Away from Former Mistakes

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And "Do It Now" Is the Cry Heard Upon Every Hand-Meth-od Alone in Dispute

"NOW is the time to prepare for a water supply," is the statement of every man who discusses the subject and many are discussing it now.

Oklahoma City has been through many water bond campaigns, but most of them have been for a patchwork plan that included improvements to the present water plant, which is known to be wholly inadequate for the growing needs of the city. The property owners of Oklahoma City, it is believed now, will vote bonds for an immense water plant which will provide a steady supply large enough for the city's future growth.

Of the seven plans prepared by the hydraulic engineers two years ago, the one providing for a water supply to be taken from the Canadian west of El Reno and stored in an immense lake northwest of the city met with most favor, although it was a million dollar plan. It had its drawbacks, as the water would have to be brought through a ditch along the sandy valley of the Canadian to the reservoir.

No Sand on South Side The plan also contemplated the establishment of a reservoir on the north side of the river. It is a well known fact to engineers and others that sand is encountered everywhere on the north side of the Canadian, and that on the south side between this city and El Reno there is no sand.

A modification of this plan is now being considered and may be placed before the property owners for their consideration. It modifies the plan to the extent of cutting the ditch on the south side of the Canadian and establishing the reservoir lake on the south side instead of the north side.

This plan was first brought to attention by John W. Sharlet, who had a survey made to be sure that it was feasible. The proposition has been called to the attention of others and has met with considerable favor among those who have looked into it. The most favorable feature of the plan is that it would admit of water being furnished to the packing plants and other manufacturing concerns at low pressure.

Matter of Pressure Engineers say that is a big item in any proposition to supply Oklahoma City with water. The packing plants and manufacturing concerns do not need high pressure. The city's supply must have a pressure sufficient to carry the water to the top of the Colcord building and the cost of maintaining such pressure, especially when

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## NEW SHRINE TEMPLES

Creation of New Chapters and Masonic War Relief on Program for Convention Attention

SEATTLE, Wash., July 12.—The question of creating new temples at Knoxville, Tenn., Houston, Tex., Rossmore, Va., and Manila, P. I., and the report of the Masonic War Relief association of the United States were two of the most important matters pending with the opening of the forty-first national session of the Imperial Council of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

The report of the War Relief association stated that \$95,000 has been collected by Masons for the families of brothers killed or wounded in the conflict in Europe. The report asks for further relief funds and for money for relief at the close of the war.

## Court Would Not Sanction Profit From Cemetery Promotion Scheme

The statute which prohibits any form of profit sharing in a cemetery association is emphasized in an opinion written by Commissioner Bleakmore of Division No. 8 of the supreme court commission, and submitted by the court Monday. It has to do with a suit in which J. G. Street and J. A. Kirkpatrick brought against the Fairlawn Cemetery association demanding an accounting and specific performance of a contract. The plaintiffs won in the Oklahoma county district court.

According to the facts as reviewed in the opinion of the high court, Street owned a tract of 40 acres which he conveyed to the cemetery association with the understanding that he was to receive one-half of the proceeds from the sale of lots for his consideration. Associated with him was J. A. Kirkpatrick. The cemetery association was to make an accounting of the sales every three months. It is alleged, however, that after a time the association failed to make such accounting. Suit was brought for such an accounting and the plaintiff was given judgment in the lower court.

Numerous transactions occurred, according to the review of the high court and later Street became one of the officers of the association. In this particular connection, and the important point touched on by the court involving the proposition that a cemetery association cannot be conducted for profit to any of its members, the court makes this observation:

"It is now and has been at all times the declared policy of the law in this jurisdiction that the affairs of a cemetery association shall not be conducted for the purpose of profit to the corporation or its members. In whatever light this contract may be viewed it provided profit for a member of the association. By its terms a 12.5 acre tract of land costing \$200 an acre was immediately platted in 1,000 lots to be sold not below \$20 a lot and one-half the proceeds to be paid to the president of the corporation, clearly contemplating an ultimate profit of \$8,000."

The high court ends its decision with the statement that it would not lend its power to enforce a contract violative of a statute and reverses the judgment of the lower court with directions to dismiss the action with prejudice.

## Camp Meetings Cause Insanity Say Specialists

CHICAGO, July 12.—Alcohol in relation to insanity was among the subjects discussed today at a conference of alienists and neurologists which is under the direction of the Chicago Medical Society. The conference which is attended by sanitary specialists from all parts of the country, will continue over Friday.

Religious revivals, especially evangelistic and camp-meetings, produce a form of insanity among men and women, according to Susan A. Price of Williamsburg, Va., who addressed the conference. Alcoholism produces one of the worst forms of insanity and the alcoholic patient is one of the most dangerous Dr. C. C. Ellis of the Chicago state hospital for the insane told the delegates.

## AUTO THIEVES ABHOR EMBLEMS

Best Safeguard Against Loss of Car Is Affiliation With Auto Clubs, City, State and National

The Oklahoma City Automobile club is now strongly organized and has begun to actively protect the owners of cars belonging to members of the club. The club has offered rewards for the arrest and conviction of any person stealing cars belonging to its members.

Fred Harkness, secretary of both the state and city organizations, says that hundreds of thefts will be prevented by the automobile owner carrying the emblem of the three organizations on the radiator. A thief will not steal a car that is protected by an organization that will follow him all over the United States to recover the car and punish him.

The club will soon establish large club rooms in the downtown district of Oklahoma City, for the benefit of the local members and visiting friends. These club rooms alone will encourage hundreds of tourists to pass through Oklahoma City every year.

Membership in these clubs will entitle members to the club facilities a fancy other of the hundreds of automobile clubs in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Temporary quarters of the club are located in the Indiana building, corner of First and Robinson streets.

## PHILADELPHIA NOW WANTS REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

NEW YORK, July 12.—Rodeo Pennrose, United States senator from Pennsylvania came to New York Monday to confer tonight with Charles D. Hilles, Republican national chairman, concerning the prospects of Philadelphia as the place for holding the 1916 Republican national convention.

"St. Louis, Minneapolis and Chicago, particularly Chicago, are trying to get it," said Mr. Hilles.

## ACCUSED THAW OF EVIL EYE

Alienist Swears Harry Tried to Hypnotize Him During Sanity Inquisition

NEW YORK, July 12.—Why he thought Thaw a personiac was outlined at considerable length by Dr. Flint in his cross-examination. Thaw's family history, his boyhood, his alleged illusions, his will, his general appearance and his belief that William T. Jerome and Dr. Flint were in a conspiracy to keep him in Matteawan all were factors, the witness said which influenced his opinion. While under cross-examination Dr. Flint suddenly asserted:

"Thaw has stared at me for fifteen minutes and I think he did it for the purpose of hypnotizing me."

Justice Hendrick looked at the witness for a few moments and then asked if he really thought Thaw was trying to hypnotize him.

"I certainly do," Dr. Flint, replied emphatically.

Thaw leaned over and whispering to the newspapermen disclaimed intent to hypnotize the witness.

## 140 SHIPS ACQUIRED BY RE-REGISTRY UP TO JUNE 30

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Under the new law admitting foreign built vessels to American registry 140 ships with a gross tonnage of 527,071 tons were transferred to the United States flag during the fiscal year ending June 30. Figures announced today by the department of commerce show that of this number 90 formerly were in the British merchant marine and 50 in the German.

## STOCKMAN MURDER CASE CONTINUED UNTIL TONIGHT

BEDFORD, Ia., July 12.—The hearing of Henry and John Damewood, Samuel Scribner and Bates Huntman, accused of the murder of a wealthy stockman at Stam, Ia. in 1908, set for this morning, was continued until 7 o'clock tonight. Mrs. Maria Porter, the state's chief witness, was unable to reach Bedford from her home at Quitman, Mo. on account of railroad washouts.

## Races for Pure Love of the Sport



Mrs. Payne Whitney, watching one of her horses run at Belmont Park.

The question, which is the strongest might lead to a discussion, but when the question of the most popular stable is broached there is no argument. Mrs. Payne Whitney, whose brother-in-law also owns a fine racing stable, is the possessor of a string of horses, which she races under the name of the Greenleaf stables. That has every jockey and horse owner at the tracks pulling for her. Next to their own horses they would like to see Mrs. Whitney's win.

Mrs. Whitney has kept up her stable for years, and she races her horses for the pure love of the sport.

## O. B. KEE WINS LIBEL APPEAL

Supreme Court Says Damaging Language Must Stand Stripped of Innuendo

AN opinion, important, as it has to do with what constitutes libel, was submitted to the supreme court Tuesday, being written by Commissioner J. C. Roberts of Division No. 4 of the supreme court commission. The case is that of the Armstrong-Byrd Music company against Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Kee. The music company won in the Oklahoma county district court and secured a judgment for damages. The judgment is reversed by the high court.

The suit followed a publication in a local paper of a notice given by Mrs. Kee. The notice stated that Mrs. Kee had a \$100 bond from the music company and that she would give it to anyone who could make use of it; that she bought a piano from the music company who refused to accept such bond unless she would add \$50 to the price. The music company brought suit for libel and damages in the total sum of \$30,000 and got judgment in the lower court.

The case came up to the higher court on the proposition that no libel had been committed. The plaintiffs contended they had been damaged by the publication of such a notice because it reflected upon their business integrity. In passing on the question of libel, the court defines the law terms of "per se." The language used must be taken for just what it says, and no more, explains the opinion. "In determining whether language is libelous per se it must be viewed stripped of all innuendo, colloquium, extrinsic or explanatory circumstances. Words which need an innuendo are not libelous per se."

The opinion in reversing the judgment holds that such a statement as complained of must be taken for what it says, and not such a construction as would be placed upon it by the plaintiff.

"I language is not libelous per se an action cannot be sustained thereon, although the publication is false without alleging and proving special damage. And when in a libel suit loss of business and customers is charged, the names of the parties who have withdrawn their custom must be set out specifically."

The opinion also holds that it is not sufficient proof of damage to show the volume of business prior to or after an alleged libelous act has been committed.

## T. R. Tours to Coast to Tune of Camera Click

CHICAGO, July 12.—When newspaper photographers crowded around Col. Theodore Roosevelt on his arrival here last night and asked him to pose for a picture, he waved them away with a sweep of his arm.

"Just one little picture, colonel, please," the photographers pleaded.

"No," he replied, "I took just the same."

Cameras clicked, however, as the colonel and his wife were driven to the station to continue their trip to the Pacific coast.

## DENVER GEOLOGIST DEAD

DENVER, July 12.—Joseph Austin Holmes, aged 55, director of the federal bureau of mines and a widely known geologist died here today of tuberculosis.

## TEUTONIC COUP FEAR IN ENGLAND

London Observers Refuse to Believe That Austro-Hungarians Will Retreat

RUMANIAN HELP IS WANTED

Both Germans and Allies Are Bidding for Support From Bucharest

LONDON, July 12.—Contradictory reports regarding the extent of the Austro-Hungarian reverse at Krassnik, Russian Poland, continue, some even claiming that the Austro-Hungarians are contemplating a general retreat, but the mystery of the situation is the persistent silence maintained by Field Marshal Von Mackensen, who apparently is making no effort to resume the German advance on Warsaw. Petrograd reasons this inaction of the Germans as being due to the fear of Field Marshal Von Mackensen that his left flank would be exposed while the Austrians were on the defensive, but some fear is expressed by London observers that the brilliant German military commander is planning an unexpected coup.

No Concerted Offensive The German attack on Souchez where the French advanced had threatened the town of Lille may indicate the arrival on the western front of the long expected Teutonic reinforcements, but evidence still is lacking of any concerted offensive of either side along the battle front in France and Belgium.

Germany and Austria-Hungary, according to dispatches from the Balkan states, are using every effort to induce Rumania to join military forces with the central powers or at least to preserve an attitude of permanent friendliness and neutrality. It is reported that the Austro-Hungarian minister at Bucharest has offered the Rumanian government liberal territorial compensation for armed assistance, countering Russia's offer of Transylvania with that of Bessarabia. Her reward for friendly neutrality is said to be Bukovina as far as the river Pruth.

Trenches on Border From Austrian sources comes a report that Rumania is giving substantial proof of the possibility of Rumania accepting one of these Teutonic offers by building trenches and entanglements along her Rumanian frontier.

Bulgaria and Turkey are said to have reached a deadlock in their negotiations on account of the refusal of Sofia to do more than preserve a friendly neutrality in return for territorial compensations from Constantinople.

## BUILD 600,000 FORDS IN 1916

Local Manager Names Probable Output in Cars of Next Year

"YOU KNOW," said J. A. Delgan, local manager of the Ford Motor company, "I have heard several times that the new assembling plant which is to be erected here by our company here will do away with a number of local agents throughout the state, especially those located near the factory branch here. Where this rumor started, I don't know, but I wish that you would say for me that there is absolutely nothing to it. The Ford people will never be able to do without agents, and will never emulate the example of the big mail order houses. We consider it necessary to have agents everywhere, and in this belief will establish some 50 or 60 new agencies during the coming year, which will give us dealers in practically hamlet in the state."

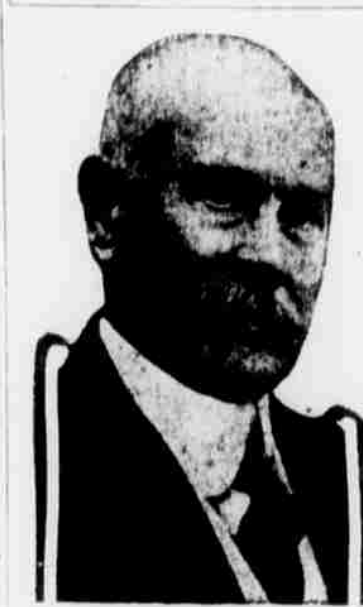
"The primary object of an assembling plant," continued Mr. Delgan, "is, of course, to allow one to stock up during the dull season, so that an adequate supply of cars may be had for the rush season. Had we had such a plan this year, we would have sold 10,000 more cars than we did. The new plant will also enable us to ship cars directly to the dealers in the state instead of making them wait on Detroit shipments."

Mr. Delgan stated that no new prices on Ford cars would be announced until after the close of their fiscal year (August 1), but that the 300,000 mark set last year had been passed already and that plans were now being considered to build 600,000 Fords during the coming year. In this event, a considerable price reduction will naturally follow.

## AVIATION SCHOOL TO BE ESTABLISHED ON MISSISSIPPI

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 12.—Following a conference with Major J. J. Dickinson, secretary of the navy league of the United States, Albert Bond Lambert, head of the United States aviation reserve corps, announced last night that an aviation station and armory to train young men in aviation would be established on the Mississippi river.

## Business Forbids War to Continue



Latest Photograph of Judge-Elbert H. Gary

SAN FRANCISCO, July 12.—Judge Elbert Gary, of New York, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel corporation, speaking at a banquet given in his honor, predicted the quick ending of the war, and unprecedented prosperity to this country. He said that the business people of the nations at war would not allow it to progress much longer. All the belligerents are becoming physically and economically exhausted.

## THREE BILLION NEW WAR LOAN

English Chancellor of Exchequer Tells House of Commons Status of Funds

LONDON, July 12.—The total subscription to the war loan amounted to close on to \$3,000,000,000, according to a statement today by Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, in the house of commons. The total numbers of subscribers through the Bank of England was 550,000 whose contributions aggregated \$2,850,000,000. The subscriptions through the postoffice have not yet closed, but up to date 547,000 persons have subscribed \$75,000,000 through this channel.

Mr. McKenna pointed out that the figure of \$4,000,000,000 mentioned in the newspapers neither was expected nor desired by the government. If that amount had been reached he said, it would have been necessary to close the list.

## ARMY BOARD GIVES NO HINT ON ARMAMENT PLAN

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The report of the board of army officers working out a military policy to be submitted to congress probably will be complete it became known today early next month. This will give Secretary Garrison ample time to prepare his estimates by October and in time for a special session of congress should one be called for that month. No hint as to the increases in men or guns to be recommended by the board has been given out.

## LIGHTNING STRIKES STANDARD OIL TANK IN ILLINOIS

WOODRIVER, Ill., July 12.—Approximately 200,000 gallons of crude oil were burned here Monday when lightning struck a tank of the Standard Oil company's refinery. The blaze was extinguished by steam.

## BIENNIAL JOINT CONVENTION W. O. W. AND WOODMEN CIRCLE

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 12.—With several thousand out-of-town members here the biennial joint convention of Woodmen of the World and Woodmen's Circle today began an eleven day session.

## Man With Big Water Idea Finds His Plan Has One Serious Flaw

A man came to Commissioner Street this morning with an idea which he declared would solve the water sprinkling question of Oklahoma City this summer, in case there should be a shortage of water.

"Funny no one thought of it before," he said with much pride. "My idea is this: When the supply of water for sprinkling lawns gets a little low, let the people with odd numbers on their houses sprinkle on the odd days of the month, and the even people sprinkle on the even days. In this way each property owner can sprinkle his lawn every other day, and that's enough when water is scarce."

Commissioner Street explained to the caller with the big idea that the scheme would work where a storage supply of water existed, but would be worthless here, where the city supply depended altogether on the daily amount which flowed, or should flow, down the North Canadian river.

"When we're got water, we've got it, and everybody is welcome to help himself," the commissioner explained. "When no water comes down the river, we shut the water off, and there isn't any for anybody. The odd houses can turn their water faucets all they want

## CHIEF ABSOLVED BY GIRL'S STORY

Blewer Deponent Says Friends Posted Her to Tell Pack of Lies

ON THE STAND SHE REBELS

Other Witnesses Fail to Add Much to Evidence-Hearing Continued

\*\*\*\*\* The preliminary hearing of Peter N. Blewer Jr., charged with reviving stolen property, set for 9 o'clock Wednesday morning in Justice Maspin's court, will be continued to a later date. Blewer has been called as a witness in the federal court at El Reno and will be there Wednesday. When the preliminary hearing is held, Justice Maspin will go to one of the courtrooms in the county courthouse. His office in the Lee building is too small for a trial in which so many attorneys will take part and in which a large number of witnesses will testify. \*\*\*\*\*

## ROSE KIRKPATRICK, a girl employed in a rooming house at 219 1/2 North Broadway, mixed up in the depositions that are being taken in the Peter N. Blewer case before Justice Beall when she testified Tuesday morning. The girl is said to have gone to the office of Giddings & Lillard yesterday and to have made the statement that Chief Nichols had visited her once, for a personal reason. Tuesday morning she went back to Blewer's attorneys and told them she would not swear to it.

"Do you know Chief Nichols?" asked Attorney Giddings, in taking her deposition.

"Yes," replied the witness. "He came up there and asked Mr. Boswell, who keeps the rooming house, how he could afford to keep a porter sitting on the steps all the time with such a small rooming house."

"Who's been talking to you since you left my office yesterday?"

"Nobody," I was talking then, and now I'm swearing."

Turning to Lillard, Attorney Giddings said: "Make this girl tell what she told yesterday."

"You said the chief made two visits to that place?" asked Lillard.

"Yes."

"Didn't you tell me yesterday that the chief asked you if you were engaged in an unlawful calling there?"

"I might have."

"Didn't you say he walked into your room?"

"Yes, I told you that."

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## 'NIX' ON AUTO EXCUSE

Henceforth Police May Listen to Tale of Lightless Car Owner, but Department Will Act Regardless

Tail lights on automobiles are expected to be much more in evidence since the arrest of a dozen or more violators of this ordinance Sunday night. Warnings have been scattered broadcast by the police for several weeks, but little attention has been paid to the orders.

Several collisions have resulted on account of machines being left in the streets without a light behind, the ordinance applying, both to moving and stationary cars. Many of the excuses given by the drivers of the lightless cars are naive and plausible, for the most part being laid to the lack of oil or the sudden approach of darkness, but the result, and not the cause, will hereafter be the watchword of the police in spotting cars with a dark and glimmering rear end.

## COLLIER RANMED LAKE BURON, BUT CREW SAVED

PORT HURON, Mich., July 12.—Captain Charles Fox and the crew of the steamer Choctaw of the Cleveland Cliffs Iron company, wrecked off Presque Isle in Lake Huron Monday morning, arrived safely today at Sarnia, Ont., opposite here, aboard the steamer Waboonah. Reports last night were that the Choctaw's crew had drowned. The Choctaw was upbound with coal when she collided with the Waboonah and sank. The Waboonah's crew, a large hole in her side, but water-tight compartments kept her afloat and she picked up the Choctaw's crew, who had jumped into the water. The loss of the Choctaw and her cargo is estimated at \$125,000.